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INFO AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: LOS, CO, NU

SUBJECT: ALLEGED UNAUTHORIZED PRESENCE OF U.S. COMPANY OIL

RIG IN COLOMBIAN-CLAIMED WATERS

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS INFORMALLY EXPRESSED TO EMBASSY OFFICER ON MARCH 31 THE GOC'S ANNOYANCE OVER THE PRESENCE RECENTLY OF AN OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY VESSEL AND DRILLING PLATFORM IN THE GENERAL AREA OF QUINTA SUENO, IN WATERS CLAIMED JOINTLY BY COLOMBIA AND NICARAGUA. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIALS, BY THE TIME THE GOC AUTHORITIES BECAME AWARE OF THE PRESENCE OF THIS "INTRUSION," A PERFORATION HAD ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND THE VESSEL AND RIG WERE PREPARING TO DEPART. IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE NOW PROBABLY OUTSIDE COLOMBIAN-CLAIMED WATERS. THE FONOFF OFFICIALS CLAIMED THAT OCCIDENTAL HAD OBTAINED CLEARANCE FROM NICARAGUAN AUTHORITIES FOR THE OPERATION BUT HAD NOT APPROACHED THE GOC.

2. THE GOC HAS REPORTEDLY REGISTERED A PROTEST WITH OCCIDENTAL'S OFFICE IN BOGOTA THROUGH THE GOC-OWNED PETROLEUM COMPANY, ECOPETROL. THE EMBASSY HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT OCCIDENTAL OFFICIALS IN BOGOTA FOR
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THEIR COMMENTS.

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